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Today's Hymns: 583, 745, *Hymnal Supplement* 52, 923

Catechism

P The Eighth Commandment

C You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

P What is this?

C We should fear and love God so that we do not lie about our neighbour, betray him, slander him, or give him a bad reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	David	Barbara	Carol	Joy
Next week:	John	Calvin	Michelle	Rosemary

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Erin; Reg

Family of members

Ava (bone infection); Holly (health); Mike (Alzheimer's); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Rossella (health), Marian (old age); Holly

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Mel (terminal cancer); Joby Beresford

(cancer); Bobbie (heart attack); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne, Clive & Richard (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health); family of †Steve

ELCE

St. David Lutheran Church, Pr. Bessel; ELCE Summer Youth Rally; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spain; Mission Province in Sweden; Fareham Methodist Church; Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. John's CofE; Amir family

Thanksgiving

Rita (recovery from cancer)

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Over and above our own body, spouse, and temporal possessions, we still have another treasure—honour and good reputation. We cannot do without these. For it is intolerable to live among people in open shame and general contempt. Therefore, God does not want the reputation, good name, and upright character of our neighbour to be taken away or diminished, just as with his money and possessions. In the first place, we must consider the plainest meaning of this commandment, according to the words “You shall not bear false witness.” This applies to the public courts of justice, where a poor, innocent man is accused and oppressed by false witnesses in order to be punished in his body, property, or honour. ...

[This] commandment [also] forbids all sins of the tongue, by which we may injure or confront our neighbour. To bear false witness is nothing else than a work of the tongue. Now, God prohibits whatever is done with the tongue against a fellow man. This applies to false preachers with their doctrine and blasphemy, false judges and witnesses with their verdict, or outside of court by lying and speaking evil. Here belongs particularly the detestable, shameful vice of speaking behind a person’s back and slandering, to which the devil spurs us on, and of which much could be said. For it is a common evil plague that everyone prefers hearing evil more than hearing good about his neighbour. We ourselves are so bad that we cannot allow anyone to say anything bad about us. Everyone would much prefer that all the world should speak of him in glowing terms. Yet we cannot bear that the best is spoken about others.

To avoid this vice we should note that no one is allowed publicly to judge and reprove his neighbour—even though he may see him sin—unless he has a command to judge and to reprove. There is a great difference between these two things: judging sin and knowing about sin. You may indeed know about it, but you are not to judge it. I can indeed see and hear that my neighbour sins. But I have no command to report it to others. Now, if I rush in, judging and passing sentence, I fall into a sin that is greater than his. But if you know about it, do nothing other than turn your ears into a grave and cover it, until you are appointed to be judge and to punish by virtue of your office. ...

But you say, “Shall I not say something if it is the truth?” Answer: “Why do you not make your accusation to regular judges?” “Ah, I cannot prove it publicly, and so I might be silenced and turned away in a harsh manner.” “Ah, indeed, do you smell the roast?”

If you do not trust yourself to stand before the proper authorities and to answer well, then hold your tongue. But if you know about it, know it for yourself

and not for another. ... In short, whatever is secret should be allowed to remain secret, or, at any rate, should be secretly rebuked However, the civil government, preachers, father, and mother are not forbidden to speak out. This is based on the understanding that this commandment does not allow evil to go unpunished. ...

The true way in this matter would be to keep the order in the Gospel. In Matthew 18:15, Christ says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." Here you have a precious and excellent teaching for governing well the tongue Let this, then, be your rule, that you do not too quickly spread evil about your neighbour and slander him to others. Instead, admonish him privately that he may amend his life. Likewise, if someone reports to you what this or that person has done, teach him, too, to go and admonish that person personally, if he has seen the deed himself. But if he has not seen it, then let him hold his tongue.

... All this has been said about secret sins. But where the sin is quite public, so that the judge and everybody know about it, you can without any sin shun the offender and let him go his own way, because he has brought himself into disgrace. You may also publicly testify about him. For when a matter is public in the daylight, there can be no slandering or false judging or testifying. ... Where the sin is public, the rebuke also must be public, that everyone may learn to guard against it. *Large Catechism, Part I: The Ten Commandments, paragraphs 255–84*

From Paul McCain, ed., Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).

ELCE South-West Joint Service

The congregations of Our Saviour (Fareham), St. Peter's (Plymouth), St. David (Cardiff), Bristol Mission and Oxford Mission, together with the ELCE Youth Rally, are holding a joint summer festival in Wells.

When: Sunday 25 August, 12.30-5.30 pm

Where: St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas St, Wells, BA5 2UZ

What to expect: Food, Friendship, Fellowship (shared meal, free time, joint activities, Bible study, service of Holy Communion)

Please sign up at the back for minibus transport from Fareham to Wells

LWLGB Workshop—9 November

Our Saviour will be hosting the Lutheran Women's League of Great Britain annual workshop on Saturday, 9 November (details to follow). All female members of the congregation, in particular, are encouraged to attend! Please let Francis Viebranz know if you are available to help with catering on the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge
	3 pm	Devotion at Hunters Lodge
Thu		<i>St. Mary</i>
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Mary)
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further Ahead

23-26 Aug	Youth Rally (Herefordshire)	
25 Aug	ELCE South-Eastern Joint Service & Summer Festival	
28 Aug	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge
	3 pm	Devotion at Hartwell Lodge
29 Aug	<i>The Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>	
1 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
4 Sep	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
5 Sep	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
8 Sep	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission

Daily Readings:

Sun:	1 Samuel 26:1-25	1 Sam 27:1-28:21	Corinthians 5:1-13	<i>Apology of the Augsburg Confession V (III):82-88 [203-209]</i>
Mon:	1 Sam 28:3-25	1 Sam 29:1-30:30	1 Cor 6:1-20	<i>Ap V (III):89-96 [210-217]</i>
Tue:	1 Sam 31:1-13	1 Cor 7:1-24	<i>Ap V (III):97-103 [218-224]</i>	
Wed:	2 Sam 1:1-27	1 Cor 7:25-40	<i>Ap V (III):104-111 [225-232]</i>	
Thu:	2 Sam 5:1-25	1 Cor 8:1-13	<i>Ap V (III):112-118 [233-239]</i>	
Fri:	2 Sam 6:1-19	1 Cor 9:1-23	<i>Ap V (III):119-123 [240-244]</i>	
Sat:	2 Sam 7:1-17	1 Cor 9:24-10:22	<i>Ap V (III):124-132 [245-253]</i>	
Sun:	2 Sam 7:18-29	1 Cor 10:23-11:16	<i>Ap V (III):133-136 [254-257]</i>	

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